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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Takayoshi Mamine et al.) Group Art Unit: 1641
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Application No.: 10/559,745) Examiner: Yu, Melanie J.
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Filed: December 7, 2005) Confirmation No.: 5942
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For: SUBSTRATE FOR BIOASSAY,)
 AND BIOASSAYING APPARATUS)
 AND BIOASSAYING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement mailed March 5, 2008, the period for response to which extends through April 5, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-3, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a substrate comprising the special technical feature of a substrate having a flat plate shape;
- Group II - Claims 4-7, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a bioassay apparatus comprising the special technical feature of a substrate holding means; and
- Group III - Claim 8, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method comprising the special technical feature of holding the rotationally driving a substrate for bioassay.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II, Claims 4-7.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 26, 2008

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